

NOVEMBER 2ND, 2025 – ALL SOULS' DAY

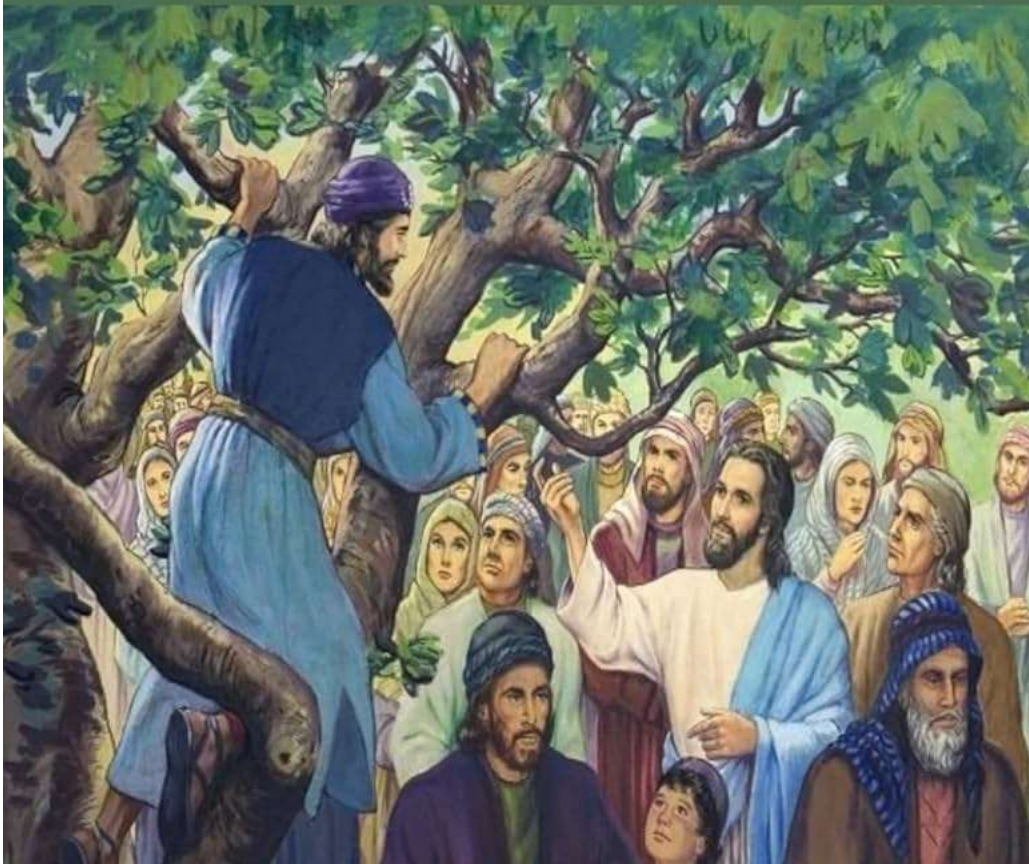
The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist Parish

Administered by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

4050 Durham Road, Ottsville, PA 18942

Phone 610-847-5521 * Fax 610-847-5522 * www.stjohnsottsville.org

Jesus and Zacchaeus



**Thank you for attending Mass with us today, we are glad you came!
Fr. Lucas and the parish family of St. John the Baptist
would like to welcome all our visitors and new members.**

NOVEMBER 2ND, 2025 – ALL SOULS' DAY

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Selvaraj Lucas, M.S.C.
Director of Religious Education: Mary Ann Corcoran
Parish Secretary: Rebecca Tirpok
Facilities Manager: Thomas Rimmer
Finance Manager/Bulletin/Website: Carolyn Marchese

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am
Mon- Fri: 9:00am (Thursday at old St. John's Church)
Holy Days: 9:00am & 7:00pm
CONFESSION: Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:20pm or by appt.

Register in the Parish Please contact the Parish Office to register when you move into our parish.

Certificates of Eligibility to act as Godparent or Sponsor may be issued only to registered parishioners who have been registered here at St. John the Baptist Parish at least six months, are 16 yrs. and older, have received all their Sacraments of Initiation, and are actively practicing their faith in our parish. If married, your marriage must have been witnessed and blessed by a Catholic Priest or have special permission approved by the Archbishop. A person who has left the Catholic Faith for any reason is not eligible to be a sponsor and, therefore, we cannot issue a Certificate of Eligibility.

BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Baptism may be scheduled to take place on a Saturday at 10am or 11am; or on a Sunday at 11:45am (immediately following the 10:30am Mass). Parents and at least one Godparent are to attend our Enrichment class prior to the Baptism. You will need to call the Parish Office to register for this class. Godparents must be committed, practicing Catholics, over the age of 16, and if from another parish, must provide a *Certificate of Eligibility* from their pastor. A Christian of another denomination may serve as a Christian Witness alongside a Catholic Godparent.

MARRIAGE: The Sacrament of Matrimony Mass may be celebrated no later than 1pm on Saturdays. Couples planning marriage are to contact the Parish Office & schedule a meeting with our Pastor no later than 6 months in advance of the planned wedding date. Couples are to attend a Pre-Cana program approved by our Diocese.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office at any time to request a visit from our Pastor for Anointing of the Sick. Communion will be brought to the sick and homebound by our Pastor or one of our Communion Ministers upon request. We celebrate a Communal Anointing of the Sick in June, near the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

Mass Intentions

Week of November 3rd – November 9th, 2025

Monday: † Sabath & Joseph Families (*Barbara Sabath*)
Tuesday: † Peter Moreni (*Mike & Cathy Moreni*)
Wednesday: † Marie Louzon (*Georgina Puente*)
Thursday: † Chris Leahy (*Family*)
Friday: Intentions of Fr. Jomar Legaspi
(*"The Chosen" Prayer Group*)

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30pm: † Barbara Henkels
(*Regina Academy Faculty & Staff*)
Sunday 8am: Parishioners' Intentions
Sunday 10:30am: † Patricia Seliga (*Peg & Paige Aversa*)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon–Fri 9am–5pm
To plan a Baptism, Wedding, Funeral, private Confession, please contact our Pastor, Fr. Selvaraj Lucas, through the Parish Office.

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTIONS

October 26th - Envelopes \$5,367 * E-Giving \$1,701

Thank you for your generosity!

WEEKLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Sun. Nov 02: Evangelization Team Mtg – Church – 9:15am
Tue. Nov 04: Choir Practice – Church - 7pm
Wed. Nov 05: Flame of Love - Chapel - 8am
Wed. Nov 05: Prayers of Petition* - via Zoom - 6:30pm

* **EMAIL LAURA AT sibevangel@stjohnsottsville.org TO JOIN IN PRAYER, OR TO SUBMIT PRAYER REQUESTS.**

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

O Jesus! My Lord and My God! I trust in you, O Prince of Peace!
I pray that you will help all people of this world
to be united as one with You as Our Lord and Savior!

Jesus, I trust in You!



GOD'S BLESSINGS ON THE BAPTISMS OF

FINN MICHAEL McNICHOL

Baptized October 19, 2025

**MORGAN ELISABETH MCKINNEY
RAEGAN ALEXANDRA MCKINNEY
MICHAEL ROY MCKINNEY
ARTHUR ALEXANDER MCKINNEY**

Baptized October 26, 2025

From Your Pastor-



Every Sunday, we are reminded that it is the Sabbath day and the Lord's Day. Thus, we expect a lengthy lecture in every Sunday Eucharist. However, a question hits us again: how much does a long homily help us to transform ourselves or ultimately transform society? We are comfortable as long as we are not challenged and not questioned about our weaknesses.

It is not easy to be vulnerable because it needs courage. Often, we fail to see what I am and concentrate on what I have. Like Zacchaeus, we are afraid of our weaknesses - not just our physical and social inabilities, but afraid of our spiritual insignificance. We fail to recognize the love and mercy of God and thus, accepting God's plan becomes difficult. It can be challenging to believe that God is working for us and does not make life difficult or full of burdens.

The first reading answers this by saying God cares for us because God's imperishable spirit is in all things and God cannot be out for He is with and in us. Zacchaeus, being called by Jesus Christ, recognized the God dwelling in him, and it transformed his life completely. Therefore, willingness to hear and see God is important to acknowledge God dwelling in us and to experience the love, mercy, and the power of God to be transformed and to become a new being.

Lord, open our hearts and let us recognize you from within. Help me to be generous with others as you've been generous with me.

Yours in Jesus Christ
Rev. S. Lucas, MSC
Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish



PRAYERS TO ST. PEREGRINE

Every Tuesday morning, following the 9am Mass, we will be praying to St. Peregrine for those who are suffering from cancer and other diseases.

Please join us in praying for all who are suffering.

Holy Communion for the Sick & Homebound



Are you or a family member unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion? If you'd like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521.

We will make arrangements to bring the Lord to you.



1st Friday Adoration begins November 7th after the 9am Mass and concludes Saturday morning at 9am Benediction & Mass.



PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE

St. John the Baptist Parish is hosting a **Change for Life Campaign** to support Crossroads Pregnancy Care Center. **Please return your bottles to church this weekend, November 1st & 2nd.** All proceeds will benefit Crossroads Pregnancy Care Center. **Thank you!**



Please consider leaving a legacy to St. John the Baptist Parish. A gift to SJB in your will enables you to support the Church and makes a difference in the lives of future generations.

Thank you. God bless.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Our Father Stommel Council #4545 meets every 3rd Monday at 7:30pm. For information or to join, Contact **Grand Knight Mark Janik** or email KofC4545@aol.com

NOVEMBER 2ND, 2025 – ALL SOULS' DAY

The **SJB NITTY GRITTY GARDEN CLUB**



will be taking orders for poinsettias and grave blankets on these dates:

November 8th-9th, 15th-16th, 22nd-23rd

Please follow the instructions on the order form. They may be picked up on the weekend of December 6th-7th in the narthex during our Winter Wonderland Display of beautiful holiday gifts.



It's that time of year again! **SJBNGGC** kindly requests our parish members to please gather your greenery cuttings (cedar, fir, holly, pine, juniper, etc.). Please drop them off at the entrance to our church by the bench on these dates:

November 22nd-23rd, 29th-30th

We appreciate your kindness and support!

Dear Friends of The Lord's Pantry-



The month of November reminds us to be thankful for many blessings in our lives. Would you please consider donating these items this month?

**turkey gravy - stuffing - cranberry sauce - yams
coffee - juice - chunky soups - tissues**

Giant or Dollar Store gift cards are also appreciated.

You will benefit our struggling families affected by the increased prices of staples and help them enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving. We believe that with God's blessings and the help of our community, we can show our support for those most in need. Thank you for your loving generosity!

God bless, The Lord's Pantry Volunteers



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**2025 – 2026 Registration is Open for PREP
Class time: 6:15 – 7:30pm Monday in the school**

Registration Forms for Returning Students for 2025-26 have been mailed. Parents of New Students of any grade level for 2025-26 should contact the Parish Office: prep@stjohnsottsville.org or 610-847-5521.

Parents/Guardians of 7th grade students, who are parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church who are attending Catholic School and who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. John the Baptist Church in 2026, should contact the Director of Religious Education at prep@stjohnsottsville.org.



A Message from Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

News from Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist

Greetings from across campus! This past week has been filled with joy, celebration, and community spirit. From the lively Chili Cook-off to the cheerful square dance, families came together to laugh, learn, and line dance their way into wonderful memories. It was a beautiful reminder of how faith and fellowship go hand in hand at Regina Academy.

We're also thrilled to announce a major milestone: for the first time in 10 years, our varsity basketball teams are ready to compete in the CYO league. This marks an exciting new chapter for our students, filled with teamwork, growth, and school pride.

On Friday, our Lower Wing students honored the Feast of All Saints with a heartfelt parade. Dressed as beloved saints, they shared recitations and reflections that brought the spirit of the day to life. Their reverence and joy were truly inspiring.

Looking ahead, we warmly invite you to join us in honoring our veterans on November 11th. If you or a loved one would like to be recognized, please contact the school office. The presentation begins at 2:00 PM, and we would be honored to have you with us as we give thanks for those who have served.

As always, we ask for your continued prayers for the children and staff of Regina Academy. With your support, we remain steadfast in our mission to bring each child closer to Jesus through joyful learning and faithful formation.

God bless,

Brian Dulin, President

Regina Academy at St. John the Baptist



**Join the
Cleaning Team!**

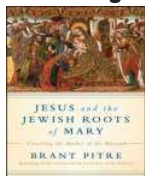
**Wk. of November 2nd
TEAM 5**

This is a once per month commitment.

NOVEMBER 2ND, 2025 – ALL SOULS' DAY

Join our **ADVENT BOOK CLUB**

We will be reading 'Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah' by Brant James Pitre.



Please sign up by Nov 2nd to order a book. Cost is \$15 (payment due at the first meeting). Discussions will be held at 9:15 am in the St. Augustine Room on Sundays in Advent.

November 30, December 7, 14, 21

WALK WITH MOMS IN NEED EVENT



Like to Walk? Come join us and help support the pro-life cause! Bucks County Pro-Life Coalition is holding their fundraiser walk, *Walking with*

Moms in Need on **Saturday Nov 8th** at Peace Valley Park. There is a sign up in the Narthex. Can't attend? Please consider a donation. All proceeds benefit moms and babies in unplanned pregnancies. Thank you and God Bless!



Veterans of SJB Parish

We invite you to join us for a Veterans Day Celebration at Regina Academy at SJB

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Refreshments at 2:00 followed by an Assembly at 2:30

Our staff and students would like to say thank you to our veterans with prayers, songs, and recitations.

If you would like to join us, please RSVP by Nov. 5th by calling the school office at (610) 847-5523.



Are you in need of some quiet time in the midst of the "busyness" of your life?

"Morning Reflection on Eucharistic Adoration"

Date: Saturday November 15th **Time:** 9am - 11am

Place: SJB Parish **Speaker:** Fr. Andrew Torma MSC

We will begin the morning with Mass at 9am followed by ~Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

~A reflection on the gift and blessing of Eucharistic Adoration.

~Quiet time for Adoration. (about 15 minutes)

~Benediction ~Light refreshments and Q & A.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex (just to get a number of attendees so we can plan for refreshments).

Blessings, *Anita Colahan* SJB Eucharistic Adoration Coordinator

MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Tables will be set up in the Narthex during the month of December after the Masses. All proceeds will be used for the maintenance of SJB. **THANK YOU!**

Community Outreach for *A Woman's Place*

It's time once again to reach out to our neighbors in need, those who suffer from domestic abuse. A Woman's Place in Doylestown "is the only domestic violence community benefit organization in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. AWP provides a full range of programs and services to individuals experiencing domestic violence, their children, and the community."

Your generosity and support in the past have been so appreciated! Below is their wish list. All donations can be brought to the narthex the weekends of Nov.8-9, and 15-16.



A Woman's Place
A PLACE FOR ANYONE SURVIVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

All donations must be NEW, Full-Sized, and NOT Expired

Current Needs

- **Non-Perishable Food**
 - Microwave Shelf Stable Meals (Easy Mac, Chef Boyardee, etc.)
 - Single Pack/Kids' Snacks
 - Shelf Stable Juice
 - Canned/Kids' fruit cups
 - Hot and Cold Cereal (Adult and Kids') and other breakfast items
 - Hearty Soups
 - Pasta Sauce
 - White Rice (1-2 lb bags)
- Gift cards (\$25 increments preferred): grocery, Walmart/Target, Amazon
- Queen sheets
- Women's and Children's Clothing (New, All Sizes, Day / Night Clothing)
- Bath Towels
- Laundry Detergent (esp. Pods)
- Paper Towels/
- Queen and Full comforters

Other Accepted Items

- Bedding (except twin sheets/covers)
- Lotion (For sensitive skin)
- Deodorant, Razors
- Plates, Plastic Utensils
- Large solo cups / Plastic cups
- Toothpaste (Child/Adult)
- Cleaning Products
 - All-Purpose Spray, Toilet Cleaner
- New Bed Bug Covers (Twin, Full, Queen)
- First Aid Kit Items
- Over-the-Counter Medicine (Adult & Kids)
- Sizes 4, 5, & 6 Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Sandwich and Storage Bags

Not Needed at this Time

- Facial and Bath Tissue
- Furniture
- Twin sheets and covers
- Baby Gear
- Used Kitchenware
- Dish Soap
- Bar Soap, Hand Soap
- Shampoo
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Toothbrushes
- Make up/Make up remover
- Tuna
- Foil/plastic wrap
- Body Wash

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Father Lucas - Chairman

Ted Fahy – President

Peg Glancey - Moderator / Marie Burke - Secretary

Chris Grindrod, Laura Gumprecht, Nancy Kaczinski,

Stephen Katra, Jeanne Keller

Mike Kirk - Finance Council Representative

FINANCE COUNCIL

Father Lucas - Chairman

Mike Kirk - President/Moderator

Chris Hackley - Chief Financial Advisor / Mary Kosmin - Secretary

Jim McHugh, Mary Miller, Vince Morelli, Jerry Peters

Ted Fahy - Pastoral Council Representative

Carolyn Marchese - Finance Manager

NOVEMBER 2ND, 2025 – ALL SOULS' DAY

November 8th & 9th, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

	Communion Minister	Lector	Altar Server	Music Ministry
SATURDAY 4:30PM	Lynn & Gianna Gammello Weez Roney	Kim Zampirri	Blake & Max Nowicki 1 Volunteer Needed	Ordinary Time
SUNDAY 8AM	Nancy Kaczinski Bea Romaszewski 1 Volunteer Needed	Jeanne Keller	Alexander & Justin Nice 1 Volunteer Needed	Patty Leidner Sue Rogers
SUNDAY 10:30AM	Joan Black Laura Gumprecht Anne Luna	Tony Luna	Olivia Luna 2 Volunteers Needed	Sue Rogers SJB Choir



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



OUR SICK:

Jessie Alfaro, Baby Conner & his Parents, Roger Bahnck Sr., John Becker, Wanda Bickel, Loretta Bodisch, Lillian Buckley, **Brent Camilleri**, Katie Carty, Steve & Patty Combs, Maria D'Angelo, Barbara Docs, Marvin & Arlene Eichlin, Carol Engel, Christie Feikel, Joe Fekete, Betty Fleck, Barney Fontenot, Ron Freeland, Gabriella Froehlich, Jean Furmaniak, Marie & Rosalyn Giardullo, Peg Glancey, Kathy Hancharik, Sylvia Holznagel, Sheila Haney Kaisen, John Klinges, Mark Leidtke, Nate Leidtke, Ray Malachowski, Kimberly Markulec, Rosanne McCarty, Xavier McDonald, Bridget McHugh, Joyce Melchiorre, Michael Moreni, Kay Mule, Helene Nastro, Dennis O'Connell, Jeff Olimpo, Mike Palmer, Robert Parash, Erin Rogers Pickering, Mary Pucci, Janet Reidler, Thomas Rimmer, Fr. Tony Ripp, MSC, Barbara Sabath, Adriana Salvucci, Lisa Saxton, Thomas Shepherd, Megan Slabicki, Bella Sosa, Tony Souza, Bernadette Strzelecki, Riley Telesco, Simon Tirpok, Fr. Joseph Tobias, MSC, Bambina Ventresca, Helen Wall, Danielle Watson, Ed Wismer, Judy Woodroffe

If you would like a prayer shawl for yourself or for someone you know, please call the Parish Office at 610-847-5521 or email tojo@epix.net.

If someone no longer needs prayers, please advise the Parish Office so that we may keep the list up to date.

OUR TROOPS:



May God protect and watch over our troops



Jamie Steven Ayuso, Fionna M. Boyle, Derek Brosius, Christopher Brune, Kyle Crossland, David Fisher, Anthony J. Fleck, Joseph V. Fleck, Lane Charles Frankenfield, Michael Froeder, A.J. Giovino, Aaron Given, Michael Griffin, Matthew Gumprecht, Bob Hankinson, Victor Hormilla, Aileen Lauer, Stephen Lindmeier, Dan O'Connor, McKenna Pason, Dusty Rhodes, Kathryn Salva, Jack Salva, Anne Salva, Thomas Salva, Jared Scott, Steven Siegert, Kendall Smith

A Prayer for OUR FIRST RESPONDERS:

Lord, please watch over all the men & women who work as first responders. We pray for their safety and that they return to their families at the end of each shift. We give thanks for their selfless service, compassion, and care for everyone. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

A Prayer for OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Natalie Nice, Violet Williams

Heavenly Father, we lift up all college students to You today. We ask that You surround them with Your protection, keep them safe, guard their health and keep them strong and well. Protect their spiritual and emotional well-being as well. Keep them from negative influences and temptation, and ground them in faith, wisdom, and Your word. Grant them the discernment to make wise choices and the courage to flee evil. Please go where we cannot, give strength where we are weak, and bring them safely home. May they feel Your presence and know Your love surrounding them each and every day. We trust in Your power to protect and guide them. Amen.



SHELLY

Funeral Home Inc.

Family Owned & Operated

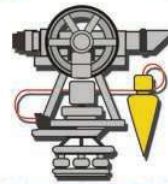
PLUMSTEADVILLE
215-766-8800
Steven M. Shelly, Supervisor

WARRINGTON
215-343-3040
Frank L. Shelly, Supervisor

www.shellyfuneralhomes.com

Joseph M. McGhee, Funeral Home Director

Crews Surveying, LLC
www.crewssurveying.com 215-766-2477 215-297-8666



Surveying Greater Bucks County for over 40 years!

Karen Kovacs
Church Bulletin Representative

**I'M HERE TO HELP
YOUR BUSINESS
BE NOTICED!**



kkovacs@jppc.net
(267) 225-6487
www.jppcadvertising.com



JOHN PATRICK
publishing company, inc.



Finding FABER



**Advertise your business
in the Church Bulletin**

- In print, online and interactive app
- Reaches parish families and visitors each week
- Constant presence keeps a strong link between you and customers
- Well-read publication - a trusted source
- Affordable Advertising – local, targeted to community



**BUILD
YOUR
COMMUNITY**
- Shop Local -

PATRONIZE THE ADVERTISERS WHO MAKE THIS BULLETIN POSSIBLE!

DAVE'S SERVICE
LLC
**TREE CARE
 LAWN SERVICE**
 Firewood • Mulching
 Stump Grinding,
 Chipping & Removal
215-778-6110
 davesservicestreelawn@yahoo.com
PA 017595

MONUMENTS | FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES | PRE-PLANNING

C.R. Strunk
FUNERAL HOME, INC.
Est. 1926

*Locally & Family Owned
 & Operated*

Michael B. Schmauder
 Supervisor & Funeral Director

Andrew J. Stout
 President & Funeral Director

821 West Broad St. | Quakertown, PA | 215-536-6550 | www.CRStrunk.com

**Robert Hueston
 Scholarship Fund**

*Benefiting student
 parishioners attending
 The Regina Academy at SJB*

A non-profit endowment fund
roberthuestonfund.org
 PO Box 363, Ottsville


**Robert C. Moll
 MONUMENTAL CRAFTS**

*Complete line of services for the
 monument industry*

ALL TYPES OF GRANITE & BRONZE
 Engraving, custom etchings,
 cemetery lettering & granite cleaning.
 SERVICING LEHIGH VALLEY SINCE 1979

LETTERING AND MONUMENT SERVICES OFFERED BY SOME FUNERAL HOMES
 & CEMETERIES CAN COST YOU MORE THAN DEALING DIRECTLY WITH US.

84 Main St., Hellertown, PA 18055 Bus: 610-838-8251
www.monumentalcrafts.net Fax: 610-838-6308

"WE SHOW YOUR LOVE TODAY IS EVERLASTING"


Rakowsky Dental, LLC
 (610) 847-2433
rakowskyfamilydentistry.com
 7601 Easton Rd, Ottsville, PA

*Bucks County
 Nursery & Florist*

RETAIL GARDEN CENTER/NURSERY
 FULL SERVICE FLORIST
 GREENHOUSE/GIFT SHOPPE
 LANDSCAPE • HARDSCAPE

Route 412 & Gessner Road
 Kintnersville, PA 18930
across from Palisades High School

610-847-8146
www.buckscountynurseryandflorist.com
 Customerservice@buckscountynurseryandflorist.com


**Button
 Popper**


**CUSTOM UPHOLSTERY
 & UPHOLSTERY REPAIR**

*Quality Craftsmanship
 Personal Touch*

215-262-8201
 Michael Patton • Perkasie, PA

Robert W. Snyder
FUNERAL HOME

327 Easton Road
 Riegelsville, PA 18077
 610-749-2421
Amy L. Snyder, F.D.
 Serving the Riegelsville
 area since 1951

ASK **#WHATS
 MYNAME** 

**BEFORE YOU
 GET IN A
 RIDE SHARE**

in remembrance of *samantha josephson*

SAMI STOP | ASK
 MATCH | INFORM


**Cunningham's
 AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, LLC**

**Your Locally Owned
 Auto Service Solution**

Call: 610-847-6006
Cunninghamsautomotive.com

**DIPALANTINO
 PAVING**



Residential & Commercial

610-847-0900
WWW.DIPALPAVE.COM

 **American Red Cross**

Someone Needs You!

**VOLUNTEER
 and make a difference.**

Join today:
redcross.org/Volunteer

 **MALLORY'S
 ARMY®
 Foundation**

*United Together In The Fight Against
 Bullying...Don't Just Teach Kindness...
 BE KINDNESS!*

www.MallorysArmy.com
 (973) 440-8657 | info@mallorysarmy.org

*It's easy to join our mailing list!
 Just send your email address by text message:
 Text MALLORYSARMY to 22828 to get started.*

Message and data rates may apply.

Morgan
 basement waterproofing

In Our 4th Decade of Quality Service

**French Drains
 Foundation Repair
 Mold Remediation**

All Work Guaranteed

215-639-8500
www.morganbasementwaterproofing.com

Check out the latest
 offerings by your
 bulletin sponsors by
 downloading
 our app

**FREE
 DOWNLOAD!**





**catholicmatch®
 Pennsylvania**



[CatholicMatch.com/
 datePA](http://CatholicMatch.com/datePA)